

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

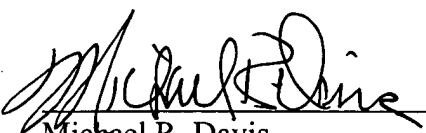
Initially, it is Applicants' expectation that upon filing of the RCE concurrently herewith, the claim amendments filed October 20, 2008 will now be entered. Then, after entry of those amendments, claims 2 and 28 are now being further amended, in response to the Examiner's comments as set forth in the Advisory Action.

Thus, in amended claim 2 as set forth above, the objected terms "amine", "activated carboxy group", "azide" and "propionic acid derivative" are deleted, and "comprising" has been inserted in place of "which is". In claim 28, the objected term "linker R₄" is replaced by "polyfunctional residue R₄", and part (c) has been shortened to its previous language but including the term "optionally".

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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